Ichapur-1 and Golf Green-1 Wells, drilling operations have been stopped in the Bengal basin;

(b) if so, when the drilling for Ichapur type of oligocene prospect will be resumed in Ranaghat, the Golf Green type of prospect will be resumed in the vicinity of the hinge zone and Chandkuri type of paleocene prospect will be resumed in Contai area; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. While in Ichapur-1, non-commercial hydrocarbon indication was found, only traces of oil in water during testing was observed in Golf-Green-1. Currently, drilling operations are continuing in West Bengal for coal-bed methane.

(b) and (c) Drilling of 48 wells (41 in onland and 7 in offshore) have yielded highly discouraging results. However exploratory efforts are being continued by way of 2D and 3D seismic surveys. Simultaneously, the geoscientific data generated so far is being re-assessed. Further exploratory drilling can be taken up only after firming up of the highest quality prospects.

Charges of Corruption Against Ministers

2508. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of allegations of corruption have been made against the Ministers in the new cabinet;

(b) if so, what is the total number of such Ministers;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has enquired into the allegations;

(d) if so, to what extent they have been found true;

(e) what action has been taken on these allegations; and

(f) whether the Prime Minister is considering to replace those Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (f) Based on some Press Report, some complaint has been made against some Minister and the complaint is under scrutiny.

Streamlining the Functioning of Central Electricity Authority

2509. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to streamline the functioning of the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, whether the Committee on Tariff Regulation also proposes to give its recommendations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and to what extent the CEA would be made more functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Steps to steamline the functioning of Central Electricity Authority have been initiated in the Ministry of Power.

(b) Ministry of Power has not constituted any Committee on Tariff Regulations.

(c) The recommendations of a consultant in this regard are awaited, whereafter specific steps would be taken to bring about the requisite changes.

इंदिरा आवास योजना के अन्तर्गत निर्मित किए गए आवास

2510. श्री ओ॰ पी॰ कोहली: क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इंदिरा आवास योजना के अंतर्गत अब तक निर्मित किए गए आवासों की कुल संख्या कितनी है;